## **Introduced by Senator Harman**

January 22, 2007

An act to amend Section 952 of the Evidence Code, relating to confidential communications.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 118, as introduced, Harman. Confidential communications.

Existing law provides that a client has a privilege to refuse to disclose, and to prevent another from disclosing, a confidential communication between the client and his or her lawyer, under certain circumstances. Existing law defines a confidential communication for purposes of this and other related provisions.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that definition.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:* 

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 952 of the Evidence Code is amended to 2 read:
- 3 952. As used in this article, "confidential communication
- 4 between client and lawyer" means information transmitted between
- 5 a client and his or her lawyer in the course of that relationship and
- 6 in confidence by a means which, so far as the client is aware,
- 7 discloses the information to no third persons other than those who
- 8 are present to further the interest of the client in the consultation
- 9 or those to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for the
- 10 transmission of the that information or the accomplishment of the

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- purpose for which the lawyer is consulted, and includes a legal opinion formed and the advice given by the lawyer in the course of that relationship.
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